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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

In response to the Office Action dated April 2, 2008, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are set forth in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

This response is further accompanied by a **Petition** filed under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for a one-month extension of the time for reply to the aforementioned Office Action dated April 2, 2008, and the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(a)(3) for said petition. The April 2 Office Action set a shortened statutory period of three months for a reply, which was thus due by July 2, 2008. It is submitted that the foregoing extension by one month renders the present submission timely.